



City of Wichita

Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

April 2006

South Officers clean up SW Boys Club

When the Southwest Boys Club, 2104 W. 45th, was a victim of more than \$5,000 of vandalism, Patrol South Officers were quick to volunteer to help.

Their objective was to repair the existing damage, and improve the environment to discourage any future vandalism. Officers James Pearman, Ernest Sharp, Ben Jonker and Justin McCluskey worked diligently to find area businesses willing to donate materials and expertise.

They scheduled a workday for April 1, and sent e-mails to all of the coaches who have teams that play at the Boys Club asking for volunteers to participate in the workday.

On April 1, more than 80 volunteers turned out to help repair and clean up the Southwest Boys Club.

Area businesses that contributed to the project include: All States Exterior, Area Wide Electrical, Coca-

cola, Dillon's, Fraternal Order of Police, Homeland Grocery, Lowes, Midwest Remodeling, R and B Powerwash, Rainbow Bread, Rquip, Rodney Beard Painting, RSC, Sams Club, Sherwin-Williams Paint, Wal-Mart and Wonder Bread.



Pictured l to r: Officer James Pearman, Officer Ernest Sharp, Officer Ben Jonker and Officer Justin McCluskey.

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Special points of interest:

The Law Enforcement Memorial Committee continues its fundraising efforts and has raised more than \$200,000 thus far.

Mandatory in service training completed



WPD staff attend in service training at Century II.

WPD staff attended mandatory in service training in April. The session included information on suicide prevention, incident command structure, sexual harassment and ADA, self defense and updates from members of Executive Staff.

The training was held at Century II and coordinated by the Training Academy.

Did You Know.....

During the month of April, WPD members received 46 CPRs that were generated internally and 21 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened one external complaint on members of the Department during April. There were eight internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of April, Field Services personnel issued 4,979 moving citations and 2,518 parking citations.

Sgt. Ed Brower, Officer Craig Janssen and Officer Stacy Woodson coordinated with the Sheriff's Office in processing more than 200 children through the Identi-kid program at the UMCA Healthy Kids day on April 8.

In April, overtime was approved to work on the destruction of the BTK swabs. On April 29, four em-

ployees worked four hours. Another Saturday will be utilized to complete the project.

Officer Troy Bussard received the "Creating a Tradition of Excellence" award from Pleasant Valley Middle School on April 25.

Officer Morris Floyd assisted the Southwest Neighborhood Association with the final planning of the annual South Seneca Parade. The event was held on April 8 with more than 100 entries in the parade, and an estimated 3500 people in attendance.

Sgt Donnie Phelps, assisted by Officer Morris Floyd, finished planning for the annual Easter Egg Hunt held at Watson Park. Sgt Phelps was in charge of the April 8 event, and more than 4500 people attended.

On April 27, Sgt. Jerry Quick and several Patrol West Officers conducted a Lidar operation at 7000 W. Kellogg from noon to 1 p.m. During that time period, 45 speeding citations were issued with a high speed of 85 mph, and several other 80+ speeds.

Patrol West continued to work on its warrant lists. Warrant sweeps were conducted on April 11 and 13. During the



Lt. Sam Hanley talks to WPD Recruit Officers about the Critical Incident Stress Team.

month 33 people were arrested, 40 warrants cleared, and 211 attempts to contact were made. Beat Coordinators were assisted by beat officers from all shifts and traffic officers.

Officer Steve Jerrell held a special citizen meeting on April 26 at Colvin Elementary to address larcenies to automobiles, non residential burglaries and residential burglaries occurring in the 33 Beat. Officer Jerrell believed that the suspects were responsible for more than 40 automobile larcenies and 16 burglaries.

When special assignments failed to produce results, Officer Jerrell approached a local business owner who paid for the printing of invitations and flyers. Citizens helped pass out more than 2000 flyers.

Attendance at the meeting was good and Officers and Detectives provided crime prevention information.

After the April 24 hail storm, more than 20 patrol cars in the Patrol West Bureau received damage. Other Patrol Bureaus provided assistance by loaning cars to the West Bureau. The Central Maintenance facility did a great job in getting the damaged vehicles operational again.



Officer Darrin Williams, Officer Donielle Watson, Clerk Ebony McNabb and Sgt. Ken Kimble won first place in the "Above the Rim" division in the City's three on three basketball tournament in April.

Wal-Mart and Sam's support children's projects



Lt. Mike Hennessy and Sgt. Glendell Henderson accept a \$2,000 donation from Wal-Mart and Sam's Club.

The donation will be used to fund various children's projects. One of the projects will provide coloring books with educational material and crime prevention information in English and Spanish.

Fleeing suspect gives up when he spots helicopter

The WPD Air Section responded to assist the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office Warrant Section with a vehicle pursuit involving a wanted person on April 12.

The pursuit began in the area of Kellogg and Armour, and the suspect was on a motorcycle. Pursuing Officers lost sight of the suspect vehicle prior to the Air-crew's arrival.

Upon arrival into the area, the Air Section immediately picked up on the motorcycle traveling west-bound on Kellogg approaching Hillside.

With the Air Section directly overhead, the suspect immediately pulled over and stopped on the northeast corner of Waterman and Hillside, where he surrendered to the Police Helicopter by getting off of the bike with his

hands up and lying prone out on the ground to await the arrival of ground units.

The suspect said to the arresting SSO Warrant Officer, "I saw the helicopter and decided to give up!" The man was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, no tax stamp, no class "D" drivers license, insurance required and unauthorized license plate.

SWAT called out to assist Kansas Bureau of Investigation



Left: Lt. Guy Schroeder evacuates a child from a nearby day care.

Above: Members of SWAT are briefed on a barricaded man in the 1800 block of north Topaz that the KBI was attempting to apprehend.

Above right: Deputy Chief Tom Stolz and Chief Norman Williams discuss strategy with SWAT Commander Lt. Kevin Vaughn.

Robbery suspect tries to elude police by shucking jacket

(by Sgt. Brad Agnew)

Officers responded to a robbery with shots fired at Kim-Chi Jewelry, 2038 N. Broadway, on March 21. As Officer Stephanie Hosmer approached the store, she spotted a male running into the business on the front.

Officers Jesse Hill and Hosmer found that the robbery suspect had already left the area, and several Officers began checking the area for the suspect.

Officer Hosmer began interviewing the clerk, while Officer Hill reviewed the video tape from the surveillance system.

Officer Doug Gerdes observed a man walking east on 21st Street, approximately two

blocks from the robbery scene. Officer Gerdes thought that the individual was dressed inappropriate for the weather conditions because it was overcast and cool and the man was dressed in a t-shirt. His dress did not match the description of the original dispatch broadcast of the suspect, and when Officer Gerdes first saw the man, the man tried to direct Officer Gerdes to an area to the north, by pointing and yelling.

Officer Gerdes initiated a conversation with the man and felt that he was being deceptive. Also, Officer Gerdes noticed that the man's hand was bleeding.

Officer Bart Norton was also in the area checking for evidence. He located several key pieces of

evidence, including the coat the suspect had worn. The area also had fresh shoe prints near it which matched the shoes being worn by the man that Officer Gerdes had stopped.

Officers used several resources including the Fire Department to look for evidence on the roofs of several buildings.

Through the efforts of everyone working together as a team all known pieces of evidence were located, making for a solid case against the suspect Officer Gerdes stopped.

The man was taken to the 6th floor and interviewed by Detectives David Alexander and David Crump, and ultimately booked into jail.

Self-initiated investigation produces big results

(by Sgt. Carlos Walker)

A self-initiated investigation produced big results in April for Officers John Groh and Gabriel Ohmart.

The Officers had obtained information from several contacts that an individual residing in the 1800 block of S. 125th St. was involved in drug activity.

After conducting surveillance and obtaining information on different vehicles that frequented the residence, they came up with possible suspect information.

On April 18, Officers Groh and Ohmart prepared and presented an affidavit to the District Attorney's Office. A search

warrant was obtained for the residence and was executed the following day.

Members of the East and South Special Community Action Teams (SCAT) exe-



cuted the search warrant that resulted in the seizure of a significant amount of crystal methamphetamine, three handguns, and several thousand dollars in United States Currency.

The suspect was unemployed and supported his lavish lifestyle with the sales of illegal drugs resulting in neighborhood decay in a small, tight knit community. The neighbors suspected something was wrong at the residence, but were not sure. Following the arrest on the suspect, one of the neighborhood residents e-mailed Patrol East thanking them for the work they had done in removing a drug dealer from their neighborhood.

The case was presented to the Federal Grand Jury and the suspect was indicted for narcotics and firearms.

SCAT North impacts Gang activity in 2005

(by Sgt. Brian White)

During the first four months of 2005, there was an increase in gang activity, specifically drive-by shootings. There was a 106 percent increase in drive-by shootings and a 40 percent increase in aggravated assaults over the previous year. From January through April 2005, there were already more drive-by shootings than in the entire years of both 2003 and 2002.

The Police Department as a whole were very concerned with this rise in violence and how potentially violent the spring and summer months of 2005 could be.

When the Gang Unit gave community presentations on gangs in 2005, it was clear that citizens were also very concerned about the rise in gang violence, and they were also fearful of how this violence could effect their lives and the lives of their family and friends.

The SCAT North team is led by Sgt. Brian White and includes Officers Faustino Naldoza, Travis Easter, Daniel McFarren, Robert Preble, Brian Hightower, Jason Cates, Brad Elmore (now a detective), and Eduardo Padron. The team decided to devote all of their available time for the remainder of 2005 to address gang suppression by utilizing a five-part plan.

The SCAT Team compiled a list of the gang members in the Patrol North Bureau who were most active, as well as a list of hot spots for gang activity. The list was a fluid document and continued to evolve as the year unfolded. To ensure they had a comprehensive list, they worked with the Gang Detectives, Gang

Officers, Community Policing Officers, Patrol Officers, School Resource Officers and members of the community. We also utilized information from calls to the SCAT hotline, Crime Stoppers tips and citizen complaints.

The third part of their gang response plan was to have the entire SCAT North team

quickly respond to all drive-by shootings and other violent gang-

related incidents. They also responded to calls that occurred at an identified hot spot, or an incident that involved a gang member who was on the list for Patrol North. When SCAT Officers arrived on scene, they would identify the important witnesses, separate them, and interview them or transport them to Investigations where they would be interviewed. The scene would be quickly secured and the SCAT Officers would assist the lab in identifying any evidence. The SCAT Officers conducted neighborhood interviews and worked closely with Detectives and Officers from the Gang Unit, Patrol, and members of the community, in aggressively pursuing each case.

The fourth part of the response was to use undercover cars to conduct surveillance on the hot spots that had been identified.

The fifth part of the response involved using confidential informants to conduct controlled drug buys from identified gang mem-

bers, or at the identified hot spots.

The primary goal of the SCAT North Team was to confront the rising incidents of drive-by shootings. Their second goal was to have no gang-related homicides for the year in the Patrol North Bureau.

The SCAT North team implemented their plan in late March 2005. At the end of the year, the SCAT North team had reached its goals. There was a significant reduction in drive-by shootings. During the last eight months of 2005, there were 25 drive-by shootings compared to the 42 that occurred during the first four months of the year.

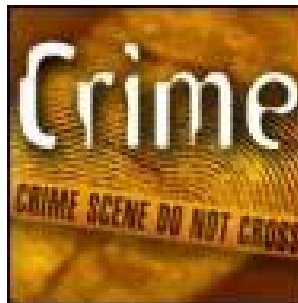
Gang-related homicides have been tracked in Wichita since 1992, and 2005 was the first year that there was NOT a single gang-related homicide in the Patrol North Bureau. This success can be attributed to several things.

There were no gang-related homicides in 2005

The implementation of the SCAT North plan was significant as the team made numerous significant arrests.

Lt. Jeff Easter, Commander of the Gang Unit, kept gang statistics for 2005. Lt. Easter tracked the number of gang members that were charged and the total number of charges that were filed.

At the end of 2005, the statistics showed that SCAT
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Detectives complete course

A number of Detectives received their certificates of completion for the Advanced Investigation Course on April 12.

Chief Williams and Deputy Chief Lee presented the certificates to those who completed the 48-hour course.

Those who completed the

course included: Detectives Scott Moon, Richard Mellard, Clay Germany, Don Story, Christopher Zandler, Kelly Mar, Duane Gold, Michael Thode, Sarah Hamilton, Lenny Rose, Dana McElrath, Chris Barratti, Lee Eisenbise and Sheriff's Office Detective Jeff Ohmart.



Det. Lenny Rose was one of 13 WPD detectives completing the Advanced Investigation course.

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North was responsible for nearly a third of all the gang members that were arrested, and nearly a third of the total number of charges.

The statistics also revealed the major impact from the Officers assigned to the Gang Unit (Aaron Kern, Jeremy Miller, Chad Beard and Charles Simon).

These officers were responsible for nearly a quarter of the arrests and charges over the course of the 2005. It should be noted that on numerous occasions, the SCAT team and the Gang Officers worked hand in hand on projects, including intelligence gathering, the execution of search warrants, and surveillance of gang members.

The SCAT North team executed 25 search warrants during 2005 resulting in 19 firearms being seized.

Detectives from the Gang Unit who also had a major impact on deterring gang-related crimes in 2005 include Dan Harty, Bob Gulliver, Wendy Jacobs-Hummell, Jose Salcido (now Sergeant) and Pat Leon.

KACP announces WPD Award recipients in April

Several Wichita Police Department members were honored with awards from the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police. The award winners were announced in April and include:

The Gold Award: An award recognizing uncommon valor in the line of duty

Officer Erik S. Landon, Patrol North

The Silver Award: An award for extraordinary action which directly contributed to the significant prolonging or actual saving of a life.

Officer Charles W. Byers, Patrol East; Officer Jonathan D. Estrada, Patrol North; Officer Stephen D. Patton, Patrol North; Officer Jessie Cornwell, Patrol South; Officer Drew Seiler, Patrol South.

The Bronze Award: An award to recognize outstanding achievement above and beyond normal law enforcement responsibilities and duties.

Officer Brandon W. Gourley, Patrol East; BTK Task Force which includes WPD, Kansas Bureau of

Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of the District Attorney, Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center, Social Security Administration, U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office.



East Career and Education Fair big success

(by Lt. Chris Bannister)

The first annual Patrol East Bureau Career and Education Fair was held on April 29 at East High School, 2301 E. Douglas, and was a big success!!

Officers Chris Nixon, Lori Cundiff and Maria Anderson organized and hosted the event. They chose this project to promote businesses and colleges in the community to help juveniles and young adults in making progressive career decisions. All three of the Officers spent hundreds of hours, on and off duty, making contacts to promote this event.

The following businesses and schools participated: Wal-Mart, Dillon's, USPS, Raytheon, Target, Army, Marines, Navy, Syndeo, McDonald's, Homeland, T-Mobile, Cox Communications, Farmland Foods, Primerica Financial Service, Dillard's, Genesis, Job Corps, Subway, Wendy's, Arby's, Kraft Foods, Wichita State University, Butler County Community College, WATC, Xenon, Cowley County Community College and Classic College, University of Phoenix, Vatterott College, Wichita Fire Department and the Wichita Police Department.

The Officers flexed their work hours to make early morning public broadcast tapes and several live public service announcements on KICT, KFDI, KDGS, KYQQ, KRBB, and KZSN.

Sgt. Jim Pinegar came up with the idea of having a job fair that would take place just prior to the summer recess for area high

schools. He thought this would allow students, citizens and employers an opportunity to come together for their mutual benefit.

Sgt. Pinegar was instrumental in providing guidance and advice to the Officers as they approached this difficult and time consuming task.

The team got started in early January by making several contacts with area businesses, colleges and military recruiters. After evaluating the initial interest by employers, the group needed to decide on a location to hold the event. Officer John Biagini, East High School Resource Officer, was contacted to see if they could use the East High School cafeteria due to its central location and size. Officer Biagini cleared the request through his school administration and assisted in setting up the cafeteria for the event.

Officer Carl Lemons volunteered to staff the Wichita Police Department's recruitment booth.

As the event drew closer, Officers Cundiff, Anderson and Nixon gave several interviews regarding the event on both English and Spanish radio stations. The Officers also utilized the City of Wichita television channel 7 to advertise their event and personally handed out hundreds of flyers in the East Bureau and all the area High Schools.

During the three months it took to bring the project together, Nixon, Anderson and Cundiff

volunteered numerous hours of their personal time as well as on-duty time to complete the logistic requirements.

On the day of the event, radio station 93.9 volunteered to do live radio broadcasts from inside East High School to help promote the job fair. Officers Valerie Shirkey, Nixon, Anderson, Cundiff and Biagini arrived several hours early to set up tables in the cafeteria.

The Officers also secured donations from KOCH industries to provide soft drinks and water for participants.

All three local network television stations showed up and conducted interviews with participants and Officers. Their stories ran on the nightly news and were complimentary of the Police Department and the officers that made this possible.

Several of the employers in attendance commented this was the best job fair they had ever attended. In fact, one employer ran totally out of applications due to the high volume of traffic, which was estimated at more than 200 area youth seeking jobs.

What started as a Bureau Goal turned into a quality project for more than 200 citizens, 28 prospective employers, seven area colleges and military recruiters. The early success of this project has already garnered talk about repeating it next year and making the job fair a yearly event.



Maria Anderson



Lori Cundiff



Chris Nixon

City of Wichita

Hostage negotiators
gather information
during a SWAT
callout on April 27.

SWAT



OCI and WPD employees clean up tires in 44 Beat

On April 18 a clean-up was conducted between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. as a part of the joint Beat 44 Tire Clean-up Project. This was a joint effort between the Office of Central Inspection and the Patrol North Community Policing Section.

The team effort concentrated on picking up tires that were illegally dumped on City property including easements and alleys. They also removed tires from several private properties at the re-

quest of property owners. Participants used three small trucks from the OCI motor pool to collect tires from narrow alleys and easements and used a staging area at 18th and Hydraulic to separate and store tires while the large tire truck from Environmental Services was used to take loads to the tire disposal facility. Four loads in excess of 400 tires were collected and disposed of at the Tire Disposal facility on South West street.

The Officers involved were Courtney Pierce, Alex Recio, Gary Morris, Doug Gerdes, and Paul Kimble. The Office of Central Inspection Neighborhood inspectors were John Godwin, Jay Stalkup, Wanda Robertson and Shane Hackworth. Community volunteer Derilyn Johnson also participated. The objective of the clean-up was to support the "Stop Blight" initiative currently underway in the City of Wichita.

